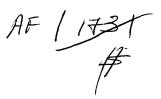
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Sir:

Appellant hereby requests an oral hearing in connection with the appeal in the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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